

Post Office.

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 For Haiphong.—*Per Ping-on*, to-day, the 9th instant, at 5 P.M.
 For Straits and London.—*Per Glucos*, to-morrow, the 10th instant, at 11.30 A.M.
 For Shanghai.—*Per Fookiang*, to-morrow, the 10th instant, at 2.30 P.M.
 For Saigon.—*Per C. T. Hook*, on Thursday, the 11th instant, at 4.30 P.M.
 For Amoy and Manila.—*Per Don Yuan*, on Thursday, the 11th instant, at 5 P.M.
 For Swatow, Amoy, & Fuchow.—*Per Namoo*, on Thursday, the 11th instant, at 5 P.M.
 For Nagasaki and Kobe.—*Per Kusumoto Maru*, Friday, the 12th instant, at 3.30 P.M.
 For Straits and Bombay.—*Per Guelong*, on Monday, the 15th instant, at 3.30 P.M.
 For Straits and Calcutta.—*Per Lennox and Japan*, on Tuesday, the 16th instant, at 2.30 P.M.
 For Nagasaki, Hiogo, and Yokohama.—*Per Zamboi*, on Wednesday, the 17th instant, at 11.30 A.M.

The Postal Guide published in 1876 being somewhat out of date, a revised issue is

THE ENGLISH MAIL.
The following hours are observed in close
Mails, &c., by the British Contract Packet :—
DAY OF DEPARTURE.
F. NOON.—Money Order Office closes.
2.00 P.M.—Registry of Letters ceases. Post
of all printed matter and patterns ceases.
Mails closed, except for late letters.

3.00 P.M.—British time, except on days when the Post Office is closed, when letters may be posted with late fee of 10 cents until 4.00 P.M.—when the Post Office closes entirely.
3.30 P.M.—Late Letters may be posted on days when the packet with late fee of 10 cents until 4.00 P.M. of departure.

THE FRENCH MAIL.—DAY BEFORE DEPARTURE
5 P.M. Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes, except the night box, which is always open out of office hours.

DAY OF DEPARTURE
7. A.M. Post Office opens.
10 A.M. Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.
11 A.M. Mail closes, except for Late Letters.
11.10 A.M. Letters may be posted with Late fee of 10 cents until 11.30 A.M.
11.30 A.M. when the Post Office closes entirely.
11.40 A.M. Late Letters may be posted on days when the packet with Late Fee of 10 Cents until 12.00 P.M. of departure.

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' LETTERS.
1.—Privates in H.M. Army or Navy, or commissioned Officers' Bandmasters, or Schoolmasters, or Superintending and First Class Writers or Schoolmistresses may send half-letters to the United Kingdom by mail at rate of four cents (two-pence) each, which be prepaid either in Imperial or in Hongkong Stamps. By private steamer the postage is one cent (one penny).
2.—The same privileges apply to letter-carriers of the Privates and Non-commissioned Officers named above.
3.—Private steamers leave Hongkong for London about every ten days.
4.—The letters must not exceed half an ounce. No handkerchiefs, jewellery, &c. can be sent with the ends open.
5.—If from a Soldier or Sailor his class of service must be stated in full on the letter, and the document be signed by the commanding Officer, with name of Regiment, ship or vessel.

Many boxes of letters are received at this Office notwithstanding that many of them are far from being sealed well, but there is no impression of danger.

The attention of everybody is called to the necessity of carefully sealing such boxes so that some recognisable seal, and of sending a receipt with them. The omission of either of these latter precautions leaves it doubtful as to whether the contents of the box ever reached their destination.

Office; the omission of the former, as well as the
part of them might not have been abstracted
for the sake of the United States Stamp.

LETTERS FOR THE POSTAGE STAMP BY SEA
SHIP.

When it is desired to forward letters to
the United States by a sailing ship which is not
loaded with carrying mail, it is only necessary
to post the letters in the ordinary way, in con-
junction with the name of the ship, and prepare a
post paid cover, as usual. The Post Office
undertakes the duty of obtaining notice of the
departure and depositing the mail in the appro-
priate vessel. The letters are posted if possible
at least five days before the date fixed for sailing.

No responsibility can be accepted in the
payment for numerous replies to verbal com-
munications, or to notes addressed to subordinate
agents, or to persons who are not officially
connected with the Post Office. The stamps
officially not be regarded as valid evidence of
information, and the Post Office cannot
Standard on all points on which such information
may be required.

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